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SUBJECT SOVIET REACTION TO PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETING OF
COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO U.S. CRIMES IN INDOCHINA (ICE), SCHEDULED FOR
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, 10 - 16 OCTOBER 1972, AND IDENTIFICATION SOVIET DELEGATION

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1. ARKADIY P O L T A R A K, SOVIET PROFESSOR AND "SPECIALIST" IN INTER-
NATIONAL LAW, AND MAUD S U N D Q V I S T, WHO HAS HANDLED THE DAY TO DAY
AFFAIRS OF THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM SINCE THE DEATH OF ITS CHAIR-
MAN, BERTIL S V A H N S T R O M, HAD A LONG, AND AT TIMES ACRIMONIOUS, SESSION
ON 6 OCTOBER 1972 IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, CONCERNING FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR
THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO
U.S. CRIMES IN INDOCHINA (ICE). COMMENT:
6 OCTOBER 1972, REPORTED THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN COPENHAGEN,
DENMARK, FROM 10 TO 16 OCTOBER 1972 AND PROVIDED AN AGENDA.) POLTARAK SAID
HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH "REPORTS" AND THE AGENDA AND SUGGESTED REPETITION
OF OLD MATERIAL USED IN PREVIOUS STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE. SPO

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EGBERT WHEELER P F E I F F E R ' S REPORTS ON ECOCIDE, FILMS INCLUDING "BACK SEAT GENERALS" AND ELLSBERG'S FILM ON THE PENTAGON. SUNDQVIST ARGUED AGAINST INCLUSION OF OLD MATERIALS AND MAINTAINED THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE A SERIOUS INQUIRY. POLTARAK TOLD HER "WE ARE WORKING FOR PROPAGANDA - NOT FOR OURSELVES. THEREFORE, EVEN OLD MATERIAL SHOULD BE USED." [REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED]

29 SEPTEMBER

1972, REPORTED ON PLANS TO PUBLICIZE THE RESULTS OF THIS OCTOBER MEETING INCLUDING SPEAKING TOURS AND PRESS CONFERENCES IN SWEDEN AND THE U.S.)

2. POLTARAK INDICATED THAT HE MAY MAKE A SPEECH HIMSELF TO STRESS TWO POINTS:

(1) THE U.S. MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BY ^{THE} CLIENT COUNTRY (SOUTH VIETNAM); AND (2) ^{THE} CLIENT COUNTRY MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY ITSELF FOR CRIMES. POLTARAK REASONS THIS WILL PREVENT THE U.S. FROM PRESENTING CONTINUED HOSTILITIES AFTER TOTAL US. WITHDRAWAL AS CIVIL WAR AND ^{AN} ATTEMPT BY SOUTH VIETNAM TO REPEL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV) AGGRESSORS.

3. POLTARAK TOLD SUNDQVIST THAT LEV S M I R N O V "WHO NOW PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET SUPREME COURT," IS SICK AND NOT COMING TO THE CONFERENCE. LEADER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL BE A "COMMISSIONER" NAMED PAVEL ALEKSEJEVICH C H E R E N K O V. ALL EIGHT SOVIET PARTICIPANTS ARE TO RESIDE AT THE HOTEL ROSSINI. IN ADDITION TO CHERENKOV, THE FOLLOWING ARE TO ARRIVE ON 8 OCTOBER: POLTARAK; ALEXANDER B E R K O V; PROFESSOR I N A K O R E S C H N I K O V A; GREGORIY MIKHAILOVICH L O K S H I N, HISTORIAN; LEV

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FEDOROVICH STRZHIZHOVSKIY, JOURNALIST; OLEG MIKHAILOVICH LEVIN, INTERPRETER. [REDACTED] COMMENT: INA KORESCHNIKOVA WAS A SOVIET MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION'S FACT FINDING MISSION WHICH TRAVELLED TO HANOI IN JULY-AUGUST 1972 TO GATHER EVIDENCE FOR PRESENTATION AT THIS ICE MEETING. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SEE

[REDACTED] DATED 28 JULY 1972. ALEKSANDR BERKOV IS A FORMER SOVIET "ADVISOR" TO THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE AND, UNTIL OCTOBER 1971, WAS A SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) HEADQUARTERS IN HELSINKI. SEE [REDACTED] PARA 2. DR. GRIGORIY LOKSHIN IS SECRETARY FOR THE SOVIET COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF VIETNAM. SEE [REDACTED] PARA 4. PAVEL ALEKSEJEVICH CHERENKOV IS A NOBEL PRIZE WINNER IN PHYSICS.) THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE SOVIET DELEGATION, ACADEMY OF SCIENCE MEMBER (FNU) CHIKVADZA ARRIVES 10 OCTOBER.

4. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY AT STOCKHOLM (CHARGE ONLY); COPENHAGEN FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY.

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